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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the

Listing of the Claims, reflecting current amendments, beginning on page 2 of this paper;

and Remarks beginning on page 14 of this paper.